

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE December 7, 1987

FULL NAME David M. Fultz SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER U/K  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Greensboro STATE NC ZIP CODE 27408DATE OF BIRTH 11/54 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 32 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Methodist NATIONALITY AmericanOCCUPATION Sheet Metal WorkerEDUCATION High SchoolWEIGHT 218 HEIGHT 5'10" RACE WCOLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN none  
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)NAME OF SPOUSE -SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

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 Conviction of child molestation (See enclosures)

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Council General Greene #418

January 4, 1988

Mr. H. Don Smith  
Scout Executive  
General Greene Council, No. 419

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David M. Fultz

Dear Don:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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# Scoutmaster liked, respected, say witnesses in sex abuse trial

By JOHN CONWAY

Besides being the leader of Boy Scout Troop #206, David Fultz was a pilot, musician, Eagle Scout, college graduate and regular churchgoer who didn't drink or smoke but liked steam engines a lot.

And Scouts in his troop said Thursday that they liked and respected him.

"I don't think there could have been a better Scoutmaster," said the parent of one 12-year-old Scout in Fultz's troop.

In all, 19 people testified Thursday on Fultz's behalf on the third day of his trial in Guilford Superior Court.

Fultz is charged with taking indecent liberties with some of the scouts.

None of the people who testified Thursday were witnesses to five incidents between June 1986 and May 1986 in which Fultz is accused of fondling the genitals or buttocks of three scouts on trips and at a scout meeting.

The 19 witnesses, including six Scouts and six parents, told jurors about Fultz's reputation, moral character and the way he treated the 18-member Troop #206.

Fultz, 32, joined Troop #206 about 21 years ago. He became Scoutmaster in 1978 after he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was removed from the post last June after allegations of sexual abuse arose.

The troop met about every Monday in the basement of West Market Street United Methodist Church, its sponsor. Chartered in 1919, Troop #206 was the oldest and proudest troop in the General Greene Council, said Norman Carter Cooper,

who has been involved with the troop for about 25 years.

Cooper was the representative of the church who acted as a liaison to the troop. In the past, he had served as assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster.

He described Fultz as a "very efficient" leader who was "meticulous and kept good records."

Fultz's attorney, Robert Cahoon, and Guilford Assistant District Attorney Randy Carroll questioned Cooper extensively about allegations from seven teenage boys that Fultz fondled young Scouts, told them "dirty jokes," talked frequently about masturbation and used profanity.

Cooper said he had heard Fultz use profanity around the Scouts, but not an unusual amount. "I've done it," he said. "We all do it."

Asked if he ever saw Fultz improperly touch any Scout, Cooper said, "I've never seen him do anything other than put a kid on the shoulder."

Cooper testified he had heard Fultz tell some "out-color jokes," but heard them more from the boys than anyone else.

All seven Scouts who testified this week for the prosecution said Fultz frequently brought up masturbation, especially when he asked them to sit on his lap.

But Cooper said he never heard Fultz talk about the subject.

On cross-examination by Carroll, Cooper said Fultz had a hearing before the local Boy Scout council in 1978 after he slapped an Eagle Scout who had been "picking on him and kidding him about personal things."

"David just had enough of it," he said.

No disciplinary action was taken against Fultz, he said.

Carroll pointed out during his questioning of Cooper that the "Official Scoutmaster Handbook" stated that scoutmasters should not swear or instruct scouts about sex.

The book also said liquid-fuel heaters should not be used in tents because of the fire danger. Cooper and some scouts testified that Fultz had a kerosene heater in his tent during winter scouting trips to Camp Wenasa in Browns Summit.

Eddie Daniels, the assistant Scoutmaster until last year, said he never heard Fultz tell dirty jokes or talk about masturbation.

Although he had seen Scouts sit on Fultz's knee many times, Daniels said he never saw Fultz fondle one of the Scouts.

They had respect for him," he said.

Six scouts who have remained in Troop #206 testified that they liked Fultz and thought he was a good leader. None said they had been fondled.

Some of the Scouts said they had heard Fultz tell jokes and talk about masturbation. Others said he didn't or they couldn't remember if he did.

All said they had heard Fultz curse.

Several of the Scouts' parents testified that Fultz was a "caring and compassionate leader" who had always been polite to them.

Toni Stewart said she has known Fultz for about nine years and dated him for the past year. "He's a fine, upstanding man," she said.

Fultz, his parents and several other character witnesses are expected to testify today.

# X-scoutmaster found guilty on 5 counts of fondling boys

By JOHN CONWAY  
Staff writer

Former Greensboro Scoutmaster Fultz was found guilty Monday of fondling and improperly touching three young boys in his opening Scouting trips and outings.

A jury of 10 women and two men deliberated 2½ hours before finding Fultz guilty of five felony counts of having indecent liberties with mi-

Fultz, 32, looked at the courtroom clerk as she read the verdict, but

showed no emotion. The atmosphere became tense, however, Fultz's family and friends and witnesses for the state exchanged words as they left the courtroom late Monday afternoon.

Superior Court Judge Judson D. DeRamus Jr. of Winston-Salem delayed sentencing Fultz until later this week. He faces a maximum sentence of 50 years in prison.

Fultz, who has been free on \$10,000 bond since being arrested last July, was ordered held in the

Guilford County Jail until he is sentenced.

He was the leader of Troop #206, sponsored by the West Market Street United Methodist Church, from 1978 until he was dismissed last summer when the accusations arose.

He was accused of fondling the genitals and buttocks of three Scouts on five different occasions between June 1985 and May 1986. The incidents occurred on trips to Camp Wenas in Browns Summit and in the troop's meeting room in

the church in downtown Greensboro.

Fultz, who lives with his parents in Greensboro and works at his family's business, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an active member of the Moravian Church in Rural Hall near Winston-Salem.

About 60 people testified during the five-day trial in Guilford Superior Court. More than half testified on Fultz's behalf, including former Scoutmasters and Scouts.

Robert Cahoon, Fultz's attorney,

told jurors in closing argument that his client was a "Good Samaritan" who opened himself to criticism and accusations by taking an active role in the community.

"There's a danger in being an outgoing and generous person," Cahoon said.

He argued further that the seven young boys who testified against Fultz "did not know the seriousness of their accusations" and that they may have conspired with each other in making up the allegations.

(See Fultz, B10)

## Fultz From B1

The boys testified that Fultz often selected young boys to stay in his tent on camping trips and frequently had boys sit in his lap. On more than one occasion, they said, he reached into their sleeping bags when he thought they were asleep and fondled their genitals.

They also said Fultz frequently talked about masturbation, told "dirty jokes," and used profanity

around the Scouts.

Fultz denied those allegations.

"The issue in this case is credibility," Guilford Assistant District Attorney Randy Carroll told jurors. "Do you believe these seven boys who testified? Or do you believe that pervert sitting over there?" he said, pointing to Fultz.

Carroll argued that the Scouts were telling the truth because they

had no motivation to embarrass themselves in court and commit perjury. He also said their testimony was consistent and even was corroborated by the defendants' witnesses.

On the other hand, Carroll said, Fultz had every reason to lie in court because of the charges facing him and because of his general respect in the community.

The "icing on the cake" for the state's case, Carroll said, was the surprise testimony Friday of a 23-year-old man who said he had been fondled and told to masturbate by Fultz 11 years ago when he was in Fultz's troop.

Carroll described Fultz as pedophile who is a "spotted man that has never grown up."

# Judge allows child molester to be freed for week on bond

By JOHN CONWAY

Staff writer

A Superior Court judge has allowed convicted child molester David Fultz to remain free on bond for about a week pending a pre-sentence diagnostic survey later this month.

The survey will help Judge Judson D. DeRamus Jr. of Winston-Salem determine whether Fultz can be rehabilitated and whether he is likely to commit similar offenses when released from prison.

Fultz, 32, of Greensboro, was found guilty Monday of five felony counts of taking indecent liberties with three Boy Scouts in Troop #206. Fultz was Scoutmaster of the troop sponsored by the West Market Street United Methodist Church

*A portion of this story was inadvertently omitted from Thursday's editions*

from 1978 until last summer, when the allegations arose.

The Scouts, all 12 years old at the time, testified that Fultz fondled their genitals and buttocks on camping trips and during Scout meetings at the church between June 1985 and May 1986.

Fultz denied that he ever improperly touched or fondled any boys in his troop.

The maximum sentence for each charge is 10 years in prison. The presumptive sentence — the sentence given when the judge finds there are no aggravating or mitigating factors or when those factors are presumed equal — is three years for

each charge.

After the jury's verdict Monday, DeRamus ordered that Fultz be kept in the Guilford County Jail until sentencing later this week.

But in a hearing late Tuesday afternoon, DeRamus delayed sentencing at the request of Fultz's attorney, Robert Cahoon, and allowed Fultz's temporary release.

DeRamus allowed him to remain free on \$10,000 bond until one week before he is sent to the Piedmont Correctional Center in Salisbury for the survey. Court officials said Wednesday the survey is scheduled to begin June 24.

That means he will remain free about one week, Guilford Assistant District Attorney Randy Carroll said. The pre-sentence survey itself could last as long as three months.

he said. During that time, he will remain incarcerated in Salisbury.

Carroll said he argued against Fultz's release.

"The jury has spoken," he said Wednesday. "He is not entitled to bond. He is a convicted child molester."

But Dr. John Edwards, a psychiatrist, testified Tuesday that it was his opinion that Fultz is not a danger to himself or others. Edwards said, however, that Fultz still believes he is innocent.

As part of the release order, DeRamus instructed Fultz not to have any contact with the victims or their families. He also must not be in the company of anyone under 16 years old without an adult present. And he must report to jail as directed by the judge.

Saturday, September 5, 1987

# Former leader of Boy Scouts gets 10 years

By JOHN CONWAY

David Fultz, a former Greensboro Scoutmaster, convicted of fondling and improperly touching three young boys in his troop, was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison.

Fultz, 32, received an active sentence despite pleadings from his lawyer and a recommendation in a psychological report that he be placed on probation. He showed no emotion as Superior Court Judge Jud-



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son D. DeRamus Jr. of Winston-Salem handed down the sentence.

Robert C. Cahoon, Fultz's attorney, said prison would have "disastrous" results for Fultz and for society. Cahoon gave notice that he was appealing the sentence. He also is appealing the conviction.

In June, a Guilford Superior Court jury found Fultz guilty of five felony counts of taking indecent liberties with minors. He was accused of fondling the genitals and buttocks of three Scouts on five different occasions between June 1985 and May 1986.

Fultz could have received up to 50 years in prison if given the maximum sentence of 10 years on each count. Assistant District Attorney Randy Carroll asked DeRamus to

give Fultz at least a 15-year sentence.

"The only thing that is going to benefit the community in this case is incarceration," Carroll said.

Cahoon disagreed and asked the judge to place Fultz on probation — the recommendation given in a presentence diagnostic study made in Salisbury.

"Society would be better served with a probationary sentence," Cahoon argued. "Chances are he'll never be another problem."

But Carroll and DeRamus noted that the report contradicted itself. While recommending probation and psychotherapy, the report also said that Fultz refuses to admit his guilt and therefore would not benefit from psychotherapy. The report also concluded Fultz was a pedophile.

"That makes absolutely no sense at all," Carroll said. Putting Fultz in prison is the only way to guarantee that Fultz won't molest any more young boys, he argued.

About 10 Boy Scouts — ranging from 12 years old to 23 years old — testified that Fultz frequently talked about masturbation, told "dirty jokes" and used profanity. He also had younger Scouts sleep in his tent and sit on his lap.

Fultz denied the allegations made against him.

During Friday's sentencing hearing, a 23-year-old Greensboro man who had not testified at the trial said that Fultz had asked him sever-